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ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS.

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(377) CHRISTOPHER BRANCH, 100 acres in Henrico county, bounded on the east by the river over against Harrow Attocks, and on the west by the head of Proctor's creek. Due: by exchange with James Place, and due Place, for the transportation of two servants, Richard Pierce and James Hunt. By West, September 14, 1636.

This patent was renewed by Sir John Harvey, and 300 acres added, "Test me, Tho. Cooke, Cl."

NOTE.

Arrowhattocks is the name of a farm in Henrico near Dutch Gap, and Proctor's creek, in Chesterfield, still retains its name.

(378) THOMAS ALLEN, 550 acres in Elizabeth City county, beginning on the east, at the first branch extending southwardly out of the Long Creek, and bounded on the west by the great Indian fields. Due for the transportation of eleven persons. By West, September 14, 1636.

(379) WILLIAM RAINSHAW, 150 acres in Elizabeth City county, being a neck of land lying some three miles up the Elizabeth river. Due for the transportation of three persons: James Ashfield, William Boyer, and Nicholas Berrye. By West, September 14, 1636.

(380) THOMAS BEAST, 200 acres in Elizabeth City county, on Harris's creek, and adjoining the land of Michael Peasley, Ralph Osborne, and Mr. Bonall. Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure, and 150 for the transportation of three persons: Mary Beast, his wife, and Richard Beast, his son. By West, September 15, 1636.

(381) CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS, 450 acres in the county of Warrisquick, bounded by a back creek running eastward behind the Pagan shore some three miles upward, the land lying on the south side of the creek, an old Indian field belonging to the land. Due for the transportation of nine servants. By West, September 15, 1636.

(382) WILLIAM RAINSHAW, 100 aces in the county of Elizabeth City, being a neck of land some two miles up Elizabeth river. Due for the transportation of two persons, Christopher Hunt and Richard Snead. By West, September 15, 1636.

(383) JOHN ROBERTS, 100 acres in the county of Elizabeth City, on

the south bank of Elizabeth river, and for the transportation of two servants, Dorothy Davis, and Isaac Merry. By West, September 16, 1636.

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(384) HUMPHREY SCOWNE, 100 acres in the county of Warrisquick on the south side of Nanzemund River, between the lands of Joseph Sammons and John Gerry, the aforesaid land being a thickett; due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure and 50 for the transportation of one servant, William Edwards. By West, September 16, 1636.

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(385) HUMPHREY SCOWNE, 200 acres in the county of Warrisquick, lying between the land of Mr. Richard Bennett and of Francis Hoofe; due for the transportation of four persons. By West, September 16, 1636.

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(386) OLIVER SPRYE [1], 50 acres in the county of Warrisquick, near the land formerly granted to him, and on the north side of the Nanzemund River; due for his own personal adventure. By West, September 16, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] "Mr. Oliver Sprye," was one of the tobacco viewers for Upper Norfolk (Nansemond) county in 1639. In September, 1646, he was presiding justice of Nansemond county

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(387) THOMAS BURBAGE, 300 acres in the county of Elizabeth City, adjoining the land of John Sipsey on Elizabeth River. Due him by order of court, June 11, 1636. By West, September 16, 1636.

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(388) THOMAS BURBAGE [1], 200 acres in Warrisquick county, on the south side of Nansemond river, about a mile up. Due him by order of court, June 11, 1636. By West, September 16, 1636.

"Renewed by Sir John Harvey, and 100 acres added.

"Teste me: Tho. Cooke, Clk."

NOTE.

[1] In addition to these patents, Thomas Burbage patented 387 acres in Warrisquick in 1637, 600 in the same county in 1638, and 1,250 in Accomac in 1638, when Wm. Burbage was a head right. "Colonel Burbage" owned land in Lancaster county, on Fleet's creek, in 1652 (*No. Neck Land Book*). "Dr. Burbage" owned negroes in St. Peter's parish, New Kent, in 1713. John, son of Robert and Mary Burbage, was born August 26, 1714. Robert Burbage and Mary King, married August 12, 1711. (*St. Peter's Register.*)

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(389) WILLIAM MORGAN, 350 acres in the county of James City, a small island in the Chickahominy river, opposite Poyney [Piney] Point.

Due in right to his wife Margaret, late relict of Richard Sanders, of Neck of Land, and due said Sanders for the transportation of said Margaret and six persons (names not given). By West, September 18, 1636.

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(390) RANDALL HOLT [1], 400 acres in the county of James City [the part now Surry], on lower Chippoecks creek, and near the land of John Dunston [2]. Due for the transportation of eight persons: Thomas Read, Wm. Lee, Ann Evans, John Harris. [No other names given]. By West, April 11, 1636.

NOTES.

[1] Randall, or Randolph Holt, was ancestor of a family resident in Surry county (in which the grant described above was) to the present time. Randall Holt had a grant of land on Hog Island in 1650. Due him as son and heir of Mary Bayly, sole daughter and heir of John Bayly, of Hog Island, deceased, who came to Virginia in 1618. It appears from another grant that Randall Holt came to Virginia before 1632. In or before 1661, Randolph Holt, of Surry, had married Elizabeth, widow of Christian Wilson, and daughter of John Hansford, of York county (York records). He was appointed a justice for Surry, December 22, 1668. On April 22, 1679, probate of the will of Mr. Randall Holt, was granted on the petition of Elizabeth and John Holt, probably his wife and son. John Holt, of Hog Island, Surry, died in 1705, leaving issue: John, David, Charles, Joseph and Benjamin. Captain Thomas Holt, probably another son of Randolph and Elizabeth Holt, was justice of Surry from 1697, and was paid his salary as a Burgess in the county levies apportioned in February, 1699, and November, 1700 (*Surry Records*). It is not known exactly (though the Surry records would doubtless show), when he died, but it appears to have been before the date of the will of his wife Elizabeth, March 4, 1708-9. This will, proved in Surry, May 3, 1709, names her grandsons Charles, Joseph and John, sons of John Holt; her granddaughter Mary Seward; son Thomas Holt, Thomas Edwards, of Hog Island, son William Holt, daughter Jane, wife of John Hancock, and daughter Lucy, wife of Joseph Mountford. Mrs. Elizabeth Holt appears to have been a daughter of James Mason, of Surry. James Mason in his will dated September, 1702, names his sister Holt, and gives a legacy to Thomas Holt. The will of Elizabeth Mason, of Surry, dated September 1713, names her grandchildren Mary, Katherine, Martha, Elizabeth, Lucy, Frances, and Thos. Holt, Jr. The will of John Holt, dated July, and proved in Surry, December, 1723, names his sons Thomas and John and daughters Mary and Elizabeth, and appoints his brother Joseph Holt, and Charles Binns executors. I cannot identify him.

The will of Thomas Holt (probably the son of Thomas), proved in

Surry, March, 1730, names his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Nicholas Cocke, daughter Mary, wife of William Hansford, daughter Martha, wife of Mr. John Newsom, daughter Lucy Holt, wife, and sons Thomas, Henry and James. The will of Robert Canfield, of Surry, dated January 2, 1691, names Mrs Mary Holt, and his neice Elizabeth, wife of William Holt. The will of William Holt, of Surry, dated March, and proved June, 1753, names his wife Mary, sons Benjamim, William, Francis and James, and daughters Mary and Hannah. With the present information he cannot be identified. The will of John Holt, of Surry, dated September 21, 1759, and proved October 16, 1764, names his daughters Kezia, Elizabeth, Mary and Anna; sons John and Josiah, son [in-law?] John Randolph Williamson, wife and son Randolph Holt (to latter gives lands on Hog Island, &c.)

The will of Randolph Holt, of Surry (son of John, whose will precedes this), was dated October 4, 1765, and names his brother Josiah (to whom he gives the plantation called Gray's. 600 acres, adjoining Hog Island), and sisters Mary and Anna Holt. The will of Charles Holt, of Surry, dated October 9, 1767, and proved April 27, 1773, names his sons William and Henry; daughter Lucy Wall, wife Elizabeth (daughter of Robert Presson), sons Charles and Samuel, and daughter Ann, Hannah and Sarah Holt.

There is recorded in Surry a deed, dated January, 1764, from Thomas Holt to his son-in-law Henry Cocke.

The will of Archer Holt, of Surry, was proved September, 1797; legatees: wife Mary, and children James, John, Elizabeth, Warner, Mary and Drew.

The will of Joseph Holt, of Surry, was dated October, 1798, and proved April, 1799; legatees: sons Edward S. and Philip Holt, and daughter Mary S. Holt.

The will of William Holt, of Surry, was dated December, 1800, and proved January, 1801; legatees: daughter Hannah B. Thompson, wife Becky, sons Francis and William, and daughter Catherine.

Thomas Holt was sheriff of Surry 1702, 1705 and 1706 (*Council Journal*).

Michael Holt, of Surry, was lieutenant in the 15th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, and died in service. Thomas Holt was a captain in the Revolution (he may not have been of Surry).

In an application for bounty land it was proved in Petersburg, 1831, by the testimony of Clarimond Colquhoun, that James Holt, deceased, was the eldest brother of Henry Holt, midshipman in the State Revolutionary Navy, and that William C. Holt was the only child of James. The will of James Holt is on record in Norfolk county. It was dated January 5, 1779, has a codicil, and was proved March 24, 1779. It is described as the will of "James Holt, son of Thomas Holt, born at Hog Island in Surry county, Virginia, at present in Norfolk, attorney at law."

He gives certain property to the Corporation of Norfolk; bequests to his wife Ann (who had been a widow when he married her), the child his brother Henry had by his last wife; the said brother's daughter Clarimond, and said nephew's sons James and Henry; Solomon Shepperd and Elizabeth, his wife, testator's daughter-in-law [step-daughter]. In the codicil he gives legacies to Leander, Sarah and Thomas, children of his brother Henry by his last marriage.

The descent of the Holts of Norfolk and Princess Anne from the Surry family is shown, and there is no doubt that William C. Holt was the son of James Holt, son of the brother Henry, who by his first marriage had two sons, James and Henry.

James Holt was a member of the House of Burgesses from Norfolk county 1772, 1774; of the Conventions of 1775 and 1776, and on December 7th of that year was elected a judge of the Court of Admiralty (*Journals*). He was a member of the first State Senate 1776-7. Colonel William C. Holt, a native of Norfolk, died November, 1832, aged forty-nine. He was elected at a early age to the House of Delegates, and served several years, and was then elected to the State Senate and was Speaker of that body (newspaper obituary). Colonel William Holt, probably the same, was a member of the House of Delegates from Princess Anne 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819 and 1820. William C. Holt, of Princess Anne, was State Senator from 1819 and was Speaker. John E. Holt, for twenty years Mayor of Norfolk, died October 13, 1832 (obituary).

William Holt, lieutenant in the Continental Line was alive in 1817.

Dr. M. Q. Holt was a member of the Legislature from Surry a few years ago.

James Holt was appointed a justice of Norfolk county, 1793.

Farther information in regard to the Holts is desired.

[2] The records of Surry show that on March 2, 1653, Richard Shortland, attorney for Mrs. Cicely Dunston, gave a discharge to Roger Nickolson, for all debts due by him to William Lee, deceased, his mother or his father-in-law.

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(391) STEPHEN WEBB, 150 acres in the county of James City, on Lower Chippoecks creek, and adjoining the land of William Carter. Due for the transportation of three persons, Richard Farlong, George Toulson, and Walter Loft. By West, September 18, 1636.

Renewed to Stephen Webb, with a patent for 250 acres added, March 2, 1638.

"Teste me: Samuel Abbott [1] Cl'k."

NOTE.

[1] Also justice James City county, 1655.

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(392) SAMUEL STEPHENS [1], 2,000 acres in Elizabeth City county,

bounded on the east by the main bay of Chesapeian, or south by Harris' creek, and north by Back river, adjoining the land lately in the tenure of Walter Hodgskins; the said neck containing between 1,500 and 2,000 acres. Due said Samuel Stephens by descent from his father Captain Richard Stephens, by order of court, April 27, 1630; provided that Elizabeth Stephens, mother of said Samuel Stephens, shall enjoy one-third of said lands. By West, September 20, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] See this Magazine I, 82-3. He married Frances Culpeper in 1652; and died in 1670. His will was proved in the General Court, April 21, 1670.

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(393) SAMUEL STEPHENS, 500 acres in the county of Warwick River, towards the head of Blunt Point river, and adjoining the land of John Bainham. Due to him by descent from his father, Captain Richard Stephens, and due said Richard Stephens by deed of sale dated November 22, 1631, from Richard James, clarke, the attorney to Captain Wm. Clayborne, and granted to the said Clayborne by order of court, May 8, 1626, provided Elizabeth Stephens, mother of the said Samuel, enjoy one-third of the land. By West. September 20, 1636.

This patent was renewed by Richard Kemp, Esq., Governor, September 24, 1644, in the name of the said Samuel Stephens, with 750 acres added. "Test me: Samuel Abbott, Clk."

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(394) WILLIAM JULIAN [1], 600 acres in the county of Elizabeth City, part of which containing 400 was three necks at the entrance into the Elizabeth river, of the eastern branch of the same, and bounded on the west by a creek adjoining to the land of Francis Mason, and 200 acres are in a neck upon the south turning of the said river. Due for the transportation of twelve persons (names below). By West, July 4, 1636.

Peter Payton, Edward Clayborne, Ann Stephenson, Matthew Wynn, William Crooke, William Berry, Arthur Hewett, Rachel Freeze, Chas. Rose, William Hill, Edward Owen. Sarah Lenerick.

NOTE.

[1] William Julian was a justice of Lower Norfolk in July, 1637. His wife was named Sarah. By order, November 6, 1646, the Governor and Council released Mr. William Julian from all of his offices on account of his great age. The next appearance of the name was in Northumberland county, though it is not known that this person was a descendant of William Julian, of Lower Norfolk. In the county levy, made January 3, 1682, it was ordered that 764 pounds of tobacco be paid to John Julian, surgeon at Potomac fort. This fort was probably somewhere near Aquia creek, and was supported at the joint cost of the Northern Neck coun-

ties. There is also evidence in various accounts with estates recorded in Northumberland that John Julian practiced his profession in that county. In Spotsylvania county, March 7, 1748, a marriage license was issued to Charles Julian and Phœbe Wilson. Dr. John Julian, who served as a surgeon in the Revolution and received bounty land, was a native of Spotsylvania.

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(395) JOHN GATER, 300 acres in Elizabeth City county, a neck of land on the easterly branch of Elizabeth River, on the north side, and bounded on the east by a creek called "dun out of the moier [mire?]." Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure, and 250 for the transportation of his wife Jane and five persons, James Gale, Thomas Hale, Christopher Burton, Edward Bosaker and Thomas Rouse. By West, September 21, 1636.

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(396) JOHN GATER, 200 acres in Elizabeth City county on the South Branch of Elizabeth River. Due for the transportation of four persons (names not given). By West, Sept. 21, 1636.

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(397) RICHARD VANSON, 50 acres in Charles River county on the New Poquoson River. Due by covenant from his master, Captain Michaell Marshott, to be performed upon the expiration of his services. By West, Sept. 22, 1636.

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(398) FRANCIS LANGHER, 50 acres in Charles River county on the New Poquoson River. Due by covenant from his master, Captain Michael Marshott, to be performed upon the expiration of his services. By West, Sept. 22, 1636.

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(399) NATHANIEL CLARKE, 100 acres in Charles River county, adjoining the land of William Clarke. Due him by right of descent from his father, Edward Clarke, to whom it was due as an ancient planter in the time of Sir Thomas Dale's government. By West, Sept. 22, 1636.

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(400) WALTER HACKER, 600 acres in Charles River county on the New Poquoson, adjoining Thomas Curtis's Creek and the land of Robert Lucas. Due for the transportation of Alice, his now wife, and eleven other persons (names below). By West, Sept. 23d, 1636.

John Powell, Thomas Powell, George Haberell, Richard Pate, one negro, John Williams, John Figg, Thomas Jones, John Bradbury, Henry Crow, Thomas Wingfield.

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(401) JOSEPH JOLLY, 350 acres in Charles River county on the New

Poquoson. Due: 50 acres for his own personal adventure, and 300 for the transportation of Margery, his wife, and five other persons: Thomas Howell, Nathaniel Clarke, John Bourne, Nicholas Porter and Sarah Jones. By West, September 23d, 1636.

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(402) WILLIAM RAVENETT [1], 250 acres in the County of Warwick River, adjoining the land of Richard Wilcocks, extending on the east to the mill at the head of Warwick River, and running along a great swamp called Huckleberry Swamp. Due for the transportation of five persons, George Celline, Clement Wheydon, John Owberry, John Read and John Evans. By West, September 23d, 1636.

NOTE.

[1] William Rabnet was a justice of Warwick county in 1647.

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(403) WILLIAM CLARKE, 450 acres in Henrico on Appomattox River and Swift's Creek; 50 acres thereof allowed for a small island, with the Swamp and Marsh thereunto belonging. Due for the transportation of nine persons (names below). By West, September 29, 1636.

Ellen Burkett, Allen Archer, Symon Richardson, Lawrence Farbiane, Humphrey Belt, Lane Jackson, Elizabeth Collins, Nicholas Browne, Samuel Church.

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(404) WILLIAM CLARKE, 1100 acres in Henrico at a little Creek, and bounded on the east by the main river [James]. Due in right of his now wife, Dorothy Garner, late widow of Edward Garner, for the transportation of twenty-three persons (names below). By West, September 29, 1636.

Elizabeth Willis, Edmund Pullum, Thomas Lawley, Thomas Sumersall, John Humphrey, Barr Farthing, John Nelder, William Everedge, John Wall, Nicholas Pledge, Robert Currant, Thomas Cooke, Charles Maxney, Rich'd Jennings, Oliver Dennington, Nicholas Oliver, Wm. and Teague, Irishmen, James Bullock, Isabel Stubbs, Hester Partridge.

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(405) JOHN ORCHARD, 100 acres in the County of James City, on the west side of Chickahominy River at Swan House point. Due: 50 for the personal adventure of his now wife Ann, and 50 for a servant named William Oxford. By West, September 30, 1636.

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(406) WALTER DANIEL, 100 acres in the County of James City, in Martin's Hundred, adjoining the land of Thomas Smith, and a branch of Kethe's Creek. Due for the transportation of two persons, Thomas Jennings and Rich'd Wright. By West, September 30, 1636.

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(407) CORNELIUS LOYD, 800 acres in the County of Elizabeth River,

on the eastermost branch of Elizabeth River, and on Marchant's Creek. Due for the transportation of sixteen persons (names not given). By West, June 2d, 1635 [*sic*].

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(408) FRANCIS TOWERS, 200 acres on the westward branch of Elizabeth River, one mile up. By West, July 16, 1636.

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(409) MRS. ELIZABETH STEPHENS, 1000 acres in the County of Charles City, called Flowerdeu Hundred, extending from Flowerdeu Hundred Creek, down the main river to the Spring Swamp, and over against Weyanoke. Due by descent from her father, Abraham Parsey, late of Virginia, as a part of her share as co-heir from her said father, to whom it was due by purchase from Sir George Yardley, Knight, by deed of sale dated October 5, 1624. By West, October 15, 1636.

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(410) THOMAS BEASTEAD, 50 acres in the County of Elizabeth City, called Pascall's Neck, on Point Comfort Creek, and bounded on the east by Foxhill and on the west by the Indian Stone, &c. Due for the personal adventure of his wife Mary. By West, September 28, 1636.

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(411) JOHN GOOKIN, gent [1], 500 acres beginning at Mossy Point, bounded on the west by Nanzimun River, and on the south by the gleabland. Due for the transportation of ten persons (names below.) By West, October 17, 1636.

Thomas Box, Jr., Peter Norman, Mary Norman, John Butler, John Binder, Robert Hodges, John Carpenter, Edward Morgan, John Loudon, William Pensint.

NOTE.

[1] Captain John Gookin was doubtless a near kinsman of Daniel Gookin, the early settler, who afterwards removed to Massachusetts. In June, 1642, John Gookin was appointed commander of Lower Norfolk county. There is recorded in Norfolk county, a letter dated January 1, 1642, from Sarah Gookin, late wife and relict of Captain Adam Thoroughgood, and in same county, November 20, 1647, marriage bond of Francis Yeardley and Sarah Gookin. In June 1656 is mention of Mrs. Sarah, relict of Colonel Francis Yeardley. Also a deed August 15, 1672, from Anthony Lawson, of Lower Norfolk, and his wife Mary, late wife of Captain William Moseley, to her children William, John and Elizabeth Moseley; giving them all of Lawson's title to the lands of her father, Captain John Gookin, deceased, in 640 acres on Lynhaven.

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(412) JAMES VANERIT, 1,000 acres in the county of Elizabeth City, extending from Sandy Bay along Point Comfort creek. Due by purchase

from Strafferton [1], to whom it was due for the transportation of twenty persons (names below). By West, October 17, 1636.

George Woodcock, John Wilcocks, Abraham Ibetson (or Iveson) [2], Jon. Howard, Thomas Macker, William James, Henry Walker, Christopher Word, Jon. Holmes, George Parke, William Whitehurst, John Trigg, Jon. Sanders, Christopher Dawsey, Francis Denmarke, Rand Vaughan, Rachel Adams, Jon. Newman.

NOTES.

[1] "Mr. Peter Stafferton," was one of the tobacco viewers for Elizabeth City county, 1639.

[2] Abraham Iveson was a justice of Gloucester, 1656 (*York Records*). Richard, son of Abraham Iveson, deceased, had a grant of 2,200 acres in Stafford, in 1672, given him by his brother Abraham Iveson.

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(413) WILLIAM LAYTON, 200 acres on the south side of Chisopeian Bay, in "the Territorie of Lynhaven;" adjoining the land of Captain Adam Thoroughgood; bounded on the south by the river of Lynhaven, also Chesiopean. Due: 50 acres for the personal adventure of his wife Elizabeth Layton, and 150 for the transportation of three persons, Isaac Morgan, Samuel Ellis, and John Baker. By West, October 18, 1636.

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(414) EDWARD TONSTALL, 450 acres in Henrico County, adjoining the land of Henry Miller, and bounded on the west by the river. Due: 150 acres for his own personal adventure and the transportation of two persons, and 300 acres in right of his now wife Martha, due from her former husband, Nicholas Greenhill. By West, November 21, 1636.

Edward Tonstall, Martha his wife, Jon. Gill, Richard Clayton, Robert Rowden, James Barker, Thomas Thurton, James Morris.

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(415) EDWARD OLIVER, 50 acres in the County of James City, on Tompson's Bay, being a bay beginning beyond Pasbyehayes Clear grounds, and bounded by the river. Due by deed of gift from Sir John Harvey to Ann Cardwell, now the wife of the said Edward Oliver. By West, November 21, 1636.

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(416) ROBERT NEWMAN, 50 acres at Nanzemund River, between his now dwelling house and the dwelling house of Francis Hoofe. Due for the transportation of one servant, Job Jeffreys. By West, November 22, 1626.